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Events

1. Guest Lectures

SKIP organised an insightful **guest lecture** on the topic of functional programming, with the assistance of Alex Gerdes, senior lecturer and member of the Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) department. Around ~50 students had registered their interest in attending that event.

2. Community Engagement Events

Several community-building events were organised, such as **The Gingerbread House Competition**, **Fika Meet and Greet**s, **Language Cafe**, and the **Easter Game Jam**, were particularly successful in promoting creativity and collaboration among participants.



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Activities

1. Academic Collaboration, Networking, and Sponsorship

SKIP strengthened its relationship with the **IT Faculty at Lindholmen**, fostering opportunities for collaboration and mutual support in academic endeavours. Furthermore, efforts were made to reach out to sponsors and potential collaborators, aiming to secure resources and support for future initiatives.

2. Further Guest Lecture Initiatives, Planning

Meetings were held with key stakeholders (participated by the teaching staff, namely Richard Berntsson Svensson, Francisco Gomes, and Hanna Kvist) to explore possibilities for extracurricular guest lectures. We also met with the members of DVET for future collaboration events.

3. Event Planning and Coordination

Although some planned events for the 2024/2025 period had to be cancelled due to various reasons (e.g. logistics, lack of resources and/or manpower), SKIP continued its efforts in event planning for the upcoming year, striving to offer diverse and enriching experiences to its members.

Notably:

- Code Coffee Event:
 - A Code Coffee event, designed to provide students with an introduction to Git and engage them in small coding tasks, unfortunately had to be cancelled. This decision was influenced by uncertainties regarding budget allocation for refreshments (fika) and scheduling constraints. Despite the enthusiasm for the event, logistical challenges hindered its execution, but in the coming year we expect this to make a return.

4. Organisational Development

Various administrative tasks, including reviewing and updating the organisation's structure, expanding board members and volunteers, and revising application forms, were undertaken to ensure the smooth functioning of SKIP.



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Miscellaneous

1. Online Presence, Communication, and Social Media

SKIP continues to maintain its **own website**— <https://skipgu.github.io/>—serving as a central hub for information about the organisation and its events. Additionally, **promotional material** through posters and social media posts was created to increase outreach and visibility (shared on Instagram, LinkedIn, Discord, etc.).

2. SKIP GitHub Organization, Past Exams, IoT Kits, Membership, etc.

1. SKIP has a **[GitHub organisation](#)** to streamline collaboration and resource management. This allows us to keep several repositories, including a notable highlight - the "*Past Exams*" repository. This repository hosts past exam papers for courses relevant to the IT domain, enhancing accessibility and facilitating academic preparation for all students. <github.com/skipgu/past-exams>
2. **Arduino Component Inventory and Borrowing System**; SKIP undertook the task of inventorying Arduino components, providing students with access to these resources through the "*SKIP IoT Kit*" repository on GitHub. This initiative not only ensured efficient resource management but also promoted hands-on learning and experimentation in the field of IoT (Internet of Things) technology and development of Embedded Systems and Arduino Programming. <github.com/skipgu/skip-iot-kit>
3. **Membership Application Forms Revision**: In an effort to streamline membership processes and enhance user experience, SKIP revised its membership application forms for both regular and board members. The updated forms, accessible on the SKIP website, ensure clarity and ease of submission for prospective members, fostering a more inclusive and organised membership system. < <https://skipgu.github.io/join-skip/> >; < <https://skipgu.github.io/membership/> >

2. Resource Management

Efforts were made to enhance resource management, including organising storage space, maintaining an inventory of Arduino components, and facilitating the borrowing of equipment by students.



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3. Community Engagement

Community engagement initiatives, such as providing exam repositories and fulfilling student requests on Arduino components, were undertaken to enhance the overall experience of SKIP members.

In summary, the fiscal year 2024/2025 was marked by a range of successful events, activities, and initiatives undertaken by SKIP, aimed at promoting academic excellence, community engagement, and professional development among its members. Despite challenges and setbacks, SKIP remains committed to its mission of fostering a vibrant and inclusive academic community.